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SUBMARINE BLOWS UP JAPANESE LINER; 280 PERSONS ON BOARD; ALL RESCUED

LONG FIGHT FOR 85C. GAS AGAINST BROOKLYN COMPANY NOW CERTAIN OF SUCCESS

Commissioner Williams Sees a New Light and Will Now Make a Modified Report.

ADMITS HIGH PROFITS.

The Evening World Finally Forces Lower Price From Kings Co. Lighting Co.

The Evening World's long fight against the 85-cent gas rate charged by the Kings County Lighting Company is won. Following the change of mind by Public Service Commissioner George V. S. Williams, it is likely that the Commission will restrict the rate to 85 cents, beginning at an early date. The news was announced today by Senator George F. Thompson, Chairman of the Legislative investigating committee that has been overhauling the Public Service Commission of late. "Commissioner Williams told me yesterday," said Senator Thompson, "that he is convinced he was wrong in his opinion that the company is entitled to charge 95 cents a thousand feet for gas. He believes now that 7 per cent. profit is quite enough for them to make on their investment and that other charges were put too high. He says he believes he made a mistake, and that Commissioner Hayward's opinion is correct—85 cents a thousand feet is enough for the Kings County Lighting Company to charge."

"How soon will the 85-cent rate be established?" was asked. "I don't know," replied the Senator. "I suppose Commissioner Williams will draw up a modified opinion and present it to the full Commission. It should not take long."

Commissioner Williams explained that in his original opinion he allowed a 7 1/2 per cent. return to the company on its capital investment, basing this figure on former Commissioner Malbie's opinion, which allowed the same rate. Since writing the opinion, which has been gone over by the Thompson investigating committee, Commissioner Williams has conferred at length with Mr. Malbie, who explained that the extra one-half per cent. was allowed for "going value."

As no going value was found by the commission after the case was

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U-BOAT REPORTED TAKEN BY TWO SUBMARINES

This, if True, Is the First Event of Its Kind in History.

ROME, Dec. 23.—Two of the allied submarines have captured an Austrian submarine and are towing it to Malta, according to despatches received here today.

Malta despatches to Paris yesterday asserted that an Austrian submarine had been destroyed by two allied torpedo boats. If the Rome version is correct this is the first time in history that a submarine has been captured by vessels of the same type.

Germany Will Coin Iron Money.

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (via London).—The Federal Council has decided on the coinage of iron ten-pfennig pieces.

EDISON SUGGESTS \$1,400,000 PLANT TO AID NEW NAVY

Tells Board He Will Supply All Plans for a Great Laboratory.

Thomas A. Edison, before the Naval Consulting Board in its session at the Brooklyn Navy Yard this afternoon, made what is said to be the first speech of his life, when he offered to furnish the board with detailed plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost \$1,400,000.

He said he would prepare the plans at his expense so that all the Government's architect would have to do would be to take the plans and build the building.

Second Vice Chairman W. L. Saunders, in announcing the purpose of Mr. Edison's offer, said he had referred it to Mrs. Buckland, Woodward and Whitney, and Rear Admiral Taylor, Griffing and Straus, all of whom received with enthusiastic appreciation and commendation.

AUSTRIA PLEASED WITH ANCONA NOTE, FRAMING A REPLY

One Report Is That an Answer May Be Expected Within Two Days.

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (via London).—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here.

An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun already.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent says:

"A despatch received here from Vienna says that Austria's reply to the American note regarding the steamer Ancona is expected within two days, but that it is possible Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, will visit Berlin before it is delivered."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The State Department received today from Ambassador Penfield a brief despatch announcing the receipt there of the Ancona note at 6 o'clock P. M. Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

112 Men's Overcoats and Suits, \$3.95. THE "HUB" Clothing Co., Broadway, cor. Barclay St., opp. Woolworth Building. Will sell to-day and Friday 1,000 Men's Suits and Overcoats, fine black, light, gray, pencil stripes and dark mixed worsted, all sizes, 34 to 44. Worth \$12 in any other store. Our special price to-day and Friday, \$5.95; also balance of our \$20 and \$25 Men's Tailored Suits, \$12.45. Open even'g till Christmas. Hub Clothing Co., Broadway, corner Barclay St. Advt.

SWears HUSBAND WAS MEANEST MAN IN ALL THE WORLD

Mrs. Sheffield Tells Court "Roman Terror Men Had Nothing On" Her Better Half.

WAITS FOR HER IDEAL.

Her Life-Longing Is to Touch Soft, Black Hair of Her Visioned Male Perfection.

Mrs. Irene Sheffield sat before Vice Chancellor Vivian Lewis in Jersey City today and told of her unhappiness and hatred for her husband, Justus Sheffield, Harvard graduate, lawyer and clubman. This was the answer she snapped at Merritt Lane, her husband's lawyer, when asked to describe Sheffield:

"He is a tyrant, a cheat, a liar, and, if I have to say it, Your Honor, the meanest man God ever gave life to."

She didn't add that otherwise he was all right, either. To the contrary: "The way he treated me and my children is simply indescribable. The old Roman terror men never had anything on the thing I had to call my husband."

Mrs. Sheffield admitted there had been little happiness in her life after her stepmother came into it, when she was twelve years old.

"Two months after my father was married again my stepmother told me to get out of the house," she said. "I was sent to boarding school on an allowance of \$25 a month, and I was not properly clothed or fed. I met this man and I thought I loved him. He was getting only \$10 a week then, but I didn't care about money. I wanted love. But we never got along. We fought right through our honeymoon."

Mrs. Sheffield was successful as a lawyer and soon became prosperous. But Mrs. Sheffield said that no happiness came of better material conditions.

Mrs. Sheffield said that her son Nelson, who later died in a sanitarium, was punished for soiling his clothes by a whipping and was locked all day in a room by himself. Lawyer Lane asked questions about Golden Hollow, her book, which was suppressed by her husband after a thousand copies had been sold. It contained easily identified portraits of her husband—with a keen appreciation of his alleged less worthy qualities—as well as some of some of their friends, the Hagood Brothers, Hutchins and Norman and Lloyd Osborne, the novelist.

"That book," said the plaintiff, "stood between me and my children and starvation."

"Just how?" asked Lawyer Lane.

"I pawned my gold watch to get the money to buy the paper on which it was written."

Mr. Lane directed her attention to a passage on page 208. "I like the jungle of gold, gold coins with the head of the eagle on them."

"If this book is such a true picture, how does it compare," he asked, "with your sworn statement just now that you were not caring for money?" asked the lawyer.

"The week I wrote that book," Mrs. Sheffield retorted, "he left me without money to buy food."

Mrs. Sheffield said she made a lot of money making photographs of John D. Rockefeller and others at her studio, No. 120 Madison Avenue, and got along nicely until her husband insisted on her going to Connecticut. "It was God's country," she said.

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Rules for Married Couples Suggested by Mrs. Sheffield

For Husbands:

- I. Thou shalt keep thy past unto thyself. This is the first and greatest commandment.
- II. Thou shalt not scoff.
- III. Thou shalt be a careful kisser.
- IV. Remember thou keep holy the marriage vows. Six days shalt thou vaguely dream of might-have-beens, but on the seventh day, wake. Remember thy wife and sing her praise, and give her freely of thy time and wit; for a dull husband is a disgrace to the gods and a clever one almost human.
- V. Honor thy wife and all her bills that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Remember thy mother-in-law and keep her guessing, for a wise mother-in-law loveth a cheerful liar, and a good excuse is better than none.
- VII. Thou shalt not steal a march upon thy club.
- VIII. Thou shalt not toy with danger—though verily a live impulse has a low voltage domestic current, and a good excuse is better than none.
- IX. Thou shalt choose thy brands of tobacco and likewise thy expenditures according to thy income.
- X. Thou shalt be a man dependable as thy best investments; thoroughbred as a racer; mellow as old wine; constant as thy club dues; and of a surety will favor cling to thee as a lichen to an old oak tree.



For Wives:

- I. Thou shalt not nag.
- II. Thou shalt keep thy temper to thyself.
- III. Thou shalt not bore thy husband.
- IV. Remember thou keep unholy his many socks. Six days a week shalt thou frivel and do all things thou want; but on the seventh, fake; remember his linen to see that it is spotless; provide thou extra starch to be used in all emergencies.
- V. Honor thy husband and let him do exactly as he pleases, so that thy praises may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt not ask him any questions, neither morning, noon, nor night, for whatsoever a man wanteth to tell thee he will give thee unsolicited.
- VII. Thou shalt not steel thy heart against his hobbies.
- VIII. Thou shalt obey him.
- IX. Thou shalt be fresh and sweet and dainty as a shower bouquet, for singerie is more to be desired than rubies and a good cook above government bonds.
- X. The commandments were given in response to a question by Merritt Lane, Sheffield's attorney, as to her domestic ideals. In previous testimony Mrs. Sheffield told in what small esteem she held her husband's personality.

WILSONS ON GOLF LINKS, MEET OTHER PLAYERS

President and Bride Play First Game at Hot Springs—Get Newspaper Clippings of Wedding.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—The President and Mrs. Wilson made their first appearance on the golf links here today. Other players were the course and with these the President and his wife chatted during the round. Mrs. Wilson wore a light blue tailored suit with tan walking shoes and a black toque hat.

A fall of snow kept President Wilson and his bride indoors during the forenoon and the Executive cleaned up a great mass of official business which had been forwarded to him from Washington.

Among the papers forwarded from Washington which especially interested the Wilsons were the "Yellow Sheets" of clippings regarding their wedding.

The hotel management is making an attempt to have the President and his bride participate in the hotel's Christmas celebration, for which elaborate preparations are being made.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen, who have been in the west, arrived here today.

\$7,000,000 PROFIT GOES TO HEIRESS BRIDE

Mrs. Catherine B. Spaulding, Wed Five Months Ago, Sells Property Willed Her by Father.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Seven million dollars profit is ready for the Christmas celebration of Mrs. Catherine Barker Spaulding, bride of five months. Purchase of the big Haskell-Barker Corporation at Michigan City, Ind., by eastern interests was said today to have netted her that amount.

The plant was willed her by her father.

German General Dead.

AMSTERDAM (via London), Dec. 23.—The death of the German General Karl Jung at Thioncourt, France, is announced by the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. Death was due to apoplexy. Gen. Jung for a time was Governor of East Flanders. Subsequently he was commander of a brigade of infantry reserves.

CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT KAISER ON SICK BED

Suffering From a "Slight Inflammation of the Cellular System," Says Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (by wireless telegraph to Sayville, L. I.).—Emperor William has postponed the trip he had planned making to the western front, the Overseas News Agency announced, a slight indisposition making it necessary for him to remain indoors for a few days.

The agency's announcement describes the Emperor's ailment as "a slight inflammation of the cellular system."

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An official message just received here from Berlin describes Emperor William's illness as "zellgewebentzündung" (more frequently given as "bindegewebentzündung").

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "Emperor William is suffering from a bad cold. He is under the care of throat specialists and confined indoors. He was greatly fatigued by his recent strenuous traveling and must take special precautions. The Crown Prince will accompany his father during the holidays."

VIENNA ROLLS CUT OUT BY AUSTRIAN DECREE

Biscuits and Other Fancy Breads Also Prohibited at the Bakes.

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (via London).—A Mini trial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to households.

A further order requires persons possessing raw oil, benzol and tar oil to report the quantity on hand on the first and fifteenth of every month. This order authorizes the expropriation of material oils if such a step is necessary.

The Gifford Pinchots Have a Son.

At 10 o'clock last night a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot at the home of Mrs. Pinchot's mother, Mrs. Lloyd Rhyce, No. 1925 Fifth Avenue. The boy weighed seven and a half pounds. Both Mrs. Pinchot and the boy are doing well.

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Federal Grand Jury Finds Bills Against Koenig, Leyendecker and Justice.

FACE 3 YEARS IN JAIL.

Anti-Canadian Plot Was Widespread and Aimed at Destruction of Much Property.

Paul Koenig, head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American Line; William Leyendecker, a curio dealer, acting as an operative for Koenig; and Edmund Justice, another operative, were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury this afternoon for violation of Section 19 of the Criminal Statutes. One indictment was found against Leyendecker and Justice and two against Koenig, there being five counts in each of the indictments.

The indictments are more sweeping than were the complaints upon which the men were arrested. They tell of the expedition into Canada of Koenig and Leyendecker and their intention by force of arms to blow up the Welland Canal, and charges the plotters with attempting to destroy other military strongholds in Canada.

In regard to Koenig's activities with Justice, the indictment says that they undertook to gain information through him regarding troops leaving Canada and munitions of war leaving this country and Canada for Great Britain.

The indictments were drawn by Assistant United States Attorneys Roger B. Wood and Ben A. Matthews and were returned to Judge Julius M. Mayer shortly after 1 o'clock. It is charged the plans for both conspiracies were outlined and the details completed in this country. Section 19 reads as follows:

"Whoever, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, begins, or sets on foot, or provides or prepares the means for any military expedition or enterprise, to be carried on from there against the territory or dominions of any foreign prince, state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace shall be fined not more than \$3,000 and imprisoned not more than three years."

TOTAL BRITISH ARMY SOON TO BE 4,500,000

Asquith Says Total of 4,000,000 Men Authorized By Commons Doesn't Include Colonial.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—British forces, including colonials, in the field when the Army Bill passed last night goes into effect will total more than 4,500,000 and are expected to soon approach 4,500,000.

Premier Asquith stated in Commons today that the army of 4,000,000 sanctioned by Parliament's action does not include colonials. On Nov. 2 the Prime Minister said that 36,000 Canadians, 32,000 Australians, 25,000 New Zealanders, 6,000 South African troops, 1,000 New Foundlanders and smaller contingents from other British possessions were in service.

New Yorker Wounded in France.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23.—Vaughan I. M. Henshaw of New York, a member of the Canadian contingent, is given as seriously wounded in the latest casualty list issued by the British Department here.

69 WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE ON TORPEDOED SHIP; U-BOAT GAVE NO WARNING

Survivors Picked Up by a French Gunboat Many Hours After Yasaka Maru Was Attacked and Safely Landed at Port Said.

IDENTITY OF SUBMARINE NOT YET ESTABLISHED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean Tuesday by a submarine while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said from the agents of the owners.

All of those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agents and previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submersible.

The Yasaka Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday morning.

GALLIPOLI BLUNDER COST THE BRITISH 112,921 TROOPS

More Than 25,000 Were Killed, Declares Report Issued To-Day in London.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists, of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 56,083.

The losses were distributed as follows: Killed, officers 1,669, men 23,670; wounded, officers 2,969, men 72,222; missing, officers 237 men 12,114.

In the House of Commons this afternoon Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, declined publicly to give the names of the officers relieved from command in connection with the landing of British troops at Suvla Bay on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It was suggested that the names were public property. Mr. Tennant replied that if this were so an announcement would be more punitive than informative. He denied a report that one of these officers had been cashiered.

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Berlin wireless), Dec. 23.—English food to supply an entire army corps for a long time was found in positions abandoned by the British in Gallipoli. It was officially stated today. Other booty included 1,000,000 sand bags, about 1,000 tons, a trench mortar and about 100 miles of telephone wire.

SHIP RUNS ASHORE IN DASH TO ESCAPE ATTACK OF A U-BOAT

TORTOSA, Spain, Dec. 23 (via Paris).—The small French steamship Loukkous, with a cargo of sugar, ran ashore at the mouth of the Ebro River yesterday while attempting to escape from a submarine.

The captain of the Loukkous says the submarine attempted to torpedo the vessel. On being ordered to stop the captain went ahead at full speed and ran ashore.

The submarine fired several shots at the Loukkous. The commander of the port has sent a rescue party to attempt to save the steamship and her cargo.

The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects. The agents in their report say further:

"The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the Captain and officers and for the discipline of the crew. Perfect order was maintained during the embarkation, which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

The vessel went down in forty-five minutes, but perfect order prevailed and the passengers and crew were all saved. The Yasaka Maru was a vessel of 6,579 tons.

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